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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Application Number	09/233,145
Filing Date	January 19, 1999
First Named Inventor	Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al.
Group Art Unit	2871
Examiner Name	T. Duong
Attorney Docket Number	740756-1915

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted

- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- Other _____

b. Enclosed

- Amendment/Reply
- Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- Other _____

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01 FC:179	710.00 OP
02 FC:103	1350.00 OP
03 FC:102	800.00 OP

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)

b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No.19-2380.

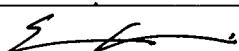
- RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- Other _____

b. Check in the amount of \$2,860.00 enclosed

c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Signature		Date	September 28, 2001

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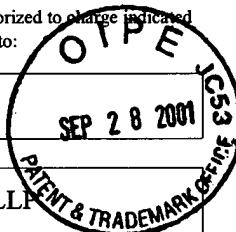
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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

1. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to:

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Deposit Account Name

Nixon Peabody LLP

Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

2. Payment Enclosed:

Check Credit Card Money Order Other

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	710	201 355 Utility filing fee	
106	320	206 160 Design filing fee	
107	490	207 245 Plant filing fee	
108	710	208 355 Reissue filing fee	
114	150	214 75 Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	130	-55** = 75 X \$18	\$1,350
Independent Claims	15	-5** = 10 X \$80	\$800
Multiple Dependent			\$270 =

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description
103	18	203 9 Claims in excess of 20
102	80	202 40 Independent claims in excess of 3
104	270	204 135 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	80	209 40 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) \$2,150.00

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Fee Code	Large Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205	65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130 Non-English transaction	
147	2,520	147	2,520 For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112	920*	112	920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55 Extension for reply within first month	
116	390	216	195 Extension for reply within second month	
117	890	217	445 Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,390	218	695 Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,890	228	945 Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	219	155 Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135 Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55 Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,240	241	620 Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,240	242	620 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220 Design issue fee	
144	600	244	300 Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130 Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	710	246	355 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	710	249	355 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.29(b))	
179	710	279	355 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900 Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify) _____				\$710.00

* Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) \$710.00

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